

Application No. 10/732,816
Amendment Dated April 27, 2005
Reply to Office Action of March 22, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS:

Claims 1 – 24 are currently pending in the application, with claims 1, 10 and 21 being independent. Claims 1 and 3 are currently amended, with claims 21 – 24 being newly added. No new matter has been added.

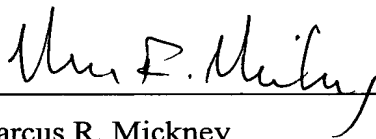
Claim 1 is rewritten to include all the limitations of dependent claim 2, which was objected to and indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim, such that claim 1 is allowable. Claim 3 was amended to change its dependency from claim 2 to claim 1.

Claim 21 is newly added and includes all the limitations of claim 5, which was objected to and indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, such that claim 21 is allowable. Claims 22 – 24 depend upon independent claim 21.

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In view of the foregoing amendment and comments, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 3 – 24 are in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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